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SUBJ: SOVIET CLASSIFIED PRESS SUMMARY - NOV 25

1. SUMMARY:

-- PRAVDA REPORTS FULLY ON CIA DISCLOSURES, ADDING LINE THAT PRESIDENTS SANCTIONED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS;

-- PREPARATIONS FOR CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CHIEF HUSAK'S ARRIVAL INDICATE SOVIET ASCRIBING MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO HIS VISIT;

-- PLO CHIEF ARAFAT ARRIVED IN MOSCOW NOV 24 (SEPTTEL);

-- PORTUGAL COVERAGE HAS SHIFTED, WITH GROWING CRITICISM OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL;

-- "INTERVENTIONISTS" AND "MERCENARIES" IN ANGOLA ARE BLASTED;

-- INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH HAD MEETINGS WITH KOSYGIN AND GROMYKO, AND BANGLADESH IS AGAIN DESCRIBED IN A STATE OF DISORDER. END SUMMARY.

1. U.S. PRAVDA CARRIES A LENGTHY REPORT ON THE DISCLOSURES OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS, EXTENDING EARLIER COVERAGE IN IZVESTIYA. PRAVDA EDITORIALIZES THAT SUCH "INTERNATIONAL GANGSTERISM" WAS WIDELY USED BY THE U.S. TO REACH ITS POLITICAL GOALS, "WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND SANCTION OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS." COMMENT. THIS IS CLEARLY THE TOUGHEST SINGLE COMMENT TO APPEAR ON THE U.S. IN PRAVDA IN A GOOD MANY MONTHS. END COMMENT.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PRAVDA FRONTPAGES A PHOTO AND AN UNUSUALLY LONG BIOGRAPHY OF CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY CHIEF AND PRESIDENT GUSTAV HUSAK, WHO ARRIVES FOR A VISIT TODAY. STAGING OF A MAJOR DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION FOR HIM THIS EVENING AND EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS FOR HIS MOTORCADE WELCOME INDICATE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE ASCRIBING UNUSUAL IMPORTANCE TO HIS VISIT.

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3. PORTUGAL. SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS HAS BEEN MARKED BY THREE SIGNIFICANT SHIFTS OF EMPHASIS: (1) INCREASING CRITICISM OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, INCLUDING MENTION OF MASS DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST IT; (2) INCREASINGLY FAVORABLE TREATMENT OF PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES; AND (3) A STEP-UP IN CRITICISM OF THE SOCIALISTS.

4. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA (NOV 25) ANNOUNCES ARAFAT'S ARRIVAL

IN MOSCOW. THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE WAS AT THE SAME GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL AS FOR HIS LAST VISIT IN APRIL, BUT THE PRESENCE OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT MAY INDICATE THAT MOSCOW CONSIDERS THESE TALKS TO BE MORE PROMISING THAN WERE SIMILAR SESSIONS IN THE PAST (SEPTEL). PRAVDA ALSO CARRIES A TASS REPORT FROM KUWAIT WHICH STATES ROMANIA OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT THAT AN OFFICIAL VISIT BY CEAUSESCU HAS BEEN POSTPONED. ACCORDING TO TASS, THE KUWAITI PRESS IS SPECULATING THE DECISION WAS BASED ON KUWAITI DISPLEASURE WITH ROMANIA'S "POLICY OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL."

5. ANGOLA. PRAVDA (NOVEMBER 25) CARRIES A TASS REPORT FROM BRAZZAVILLE WHICH DISCUSSES ALLEGED "PLANS" OF FOREIGN MERCENARIES TO TAKE OVER CABINDA. ALSO FROM BRAZZAVILLE, IZVESTIYA (NOVEMBER 24) CITES NGOUABI'S CONDEMNATION OF "IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION" IN ANGOLA, AND HIS STATEMENT THAT FOES OF THE MPLA ARE FIGHTING "UNDER THE FLAG OF ANTI-COMMUNISM." FROM LUSAKA, TASS (PRAVDA, NOVEMBER 25) CITES A "TIMES OF ZAMBIA" REPORT THAT A CORRESPONDENT RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ANGOLA HAD MET CAPTURED PORTUGUESE MERCENARIES WHO HAD BEEN FIGHTING FOR THE "INTERVENTIONISTS."

6. INDIA-BANGLADESH. PRAVDA REPORTS THAT INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY KAWAL SINGH MET WITH PREMIER KOSYGIN ON NOVEMBER 24 AND DELIVERED A LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER GANDHI. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING WAS DESCRIBED AS "WARM AND FRIENDLY." PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS THAT SINGH MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO THE SAME DAY. ON BANGLADESH, PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS REPORT FROM TOKYO PAINTING THE SITUATION IN VERY BLEAK TERMS, WITH NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY ACTIVISTS AND RIGHTIST AND RELIGIOUS-COMMUNALIST FORCES CAUSING DISRUPTION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY IN THE ARMY. SOME OF THE "RIGHTISTS" CONFIDENTIAL

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